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TO: Mr. John A. McCone
Central Intelligence Agency

FROM: William H. Brubeck *W.H.B.*
Executive Secretary

Attached for your information and files is a copy of a letter from D.A. Greenhill of the British Embassy to the Secretary of State.

Enclosure:

Letter to the Secretary of State from D.A. Greenhill dtd 1/30/63 re discussions with the Australians and New Zealanders about Indonesia

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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The Foreign Secretary has telegraphed to say that he is seriously concerned about the delay in starting our discussions with the Australians and New Zealanders about Indonesia.

Lord Home considers it conceivable that by the end of February we might be involved in serious fighting in the Borneo territories against the Indonesians. He does not believe that there is any difference between British and American assessments of Indonesian policy and aims and that therefore it ought to be possible to reach agreement between us and our Australian and New Zealand colleagues within a matter of two or three days. We should then be able to press on towards early agreement on recommendations to the four Governments as to the policy to be pursued and for this policy to be immediately applied while there is still time to avert any serious developments.

The Honourable Dean Rusk,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

/Lord Home

Lord Home fears that if we wait much longer we shall be committed to irreversible courses which could make a head-on collision with Indonesia inevitable. He very much hopes that we may be able to begin and conclude our studies within the next week or ten days. As you know the Ambassador is in New York until Wednesday evening and will be ready to discuss this further with you or Mr. Harriman on his return. In the meantime I am at your disposal.

yours sincerely

D.A. Greenhill

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